HIS MAIESTIES Declaration

To the Miniſters, Free-holders, Farmers, and ſubſtantiall Copy-holders of the Country of YORKE.

Aſſembled by His Maieſties ſpeciall Summons, at *Heworth Moore*, neere the City of *YORKE*, on Friday the third of *June* 1642.

Alſo an *Order* ſet forth by the LORDS and COMMONS of the Houſe of PARLIAMENT, concerning the MILITIA. the 4th. of *June*, 1642.

With the Catalogue of all the Names of the Nobility that are now at YORKE with the *King*.

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WE would have you to be aſſured that We never intended the leaſt neglect unto you in any former ſummons of the Country, our love, as well as Our protection, extending to all our Subjects; But as you are a great Body, time and conveniency muſt be obſerved in your aſſembling.

That you may know the generall Reaſons of Our being here, you muſt underſtand, That when wee found it neither ſafe nor Honorable to expoſe Our Perſon

Perſon to the tumultuous and licentious proceedings of many (which to this day are unpuniſhed) who did diſorderly approach neere our Court at *White hall*, wee truſted this part of our Dominions chiefly to reſide in, where, as moſt of the Gentry already have, ſo we aſſure our ſelves, the reſt of you will give Vs cleere Teſtimony of your ſervice and obedience, which Wee will never uſe otherwiſe then for the defence of the true orthodox Religion profeſſed and ſetled in Queen *Elizabeths* time, and confirmed by the Authoritie of the Statutes of this Realme, the defence of the Laws and fundamentall Conſtitutions of this Kingdome (as the juſteſt Meaſure and Rule for our Prerogative, and your liberties and rights) and laſtly, for the preſervation of the Peace of this Kingdome.

As for Our owne Zeale to the Proteſtant Profeſſion, We refer all the world to our daily exerciſe of, and our Declarations concerning it, and execution of the Lawes againſt the Papiſts; ſo likewiſe we cannot but declare our ſelfe moſt heartily ſorry to finde ſuch Separatiſts and Shiſmaticks, who preſume, againſt Law, to foment new Doctrines & Diſciplines to the diſturbance of Church and State.

For the Law, it being the common inheritance of our people, We ſhall never enforce any Prerogative of ours beyond it, but ſubmit our ſelfe to it, and give you and all our ſubjects the fulleſt latitude of it, both for the liberty of your perſons, and the propriety of your eſtates. And for an inviolable confidence and aſſurence hereof, as we take God (the Searcher of all hearts) to witneſſe our reall intention herein, ſo VVe

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ſhall no longer deſire you to ſtand for the defence of our Perſon, Honour, and juſt Prerogatives, then We ſhall maintaine the Lawes of the Land, the libety of your perſons; and the proprietie of your Goods.

And for the cleere underſtanding of our Reſolutions to maintaine Peace, We may have the confidence and happineſſe to refer (againſt all malignitie whatſoever) to our former ſixteen yeares Reign; (too long to diſſemble our Nature) if in all this time We never cauſed the effuſion of one drop of Bloud, it muſt needs be thought, that in Our riper judgement in Government, We ſhould never open ſuch Iſſues as might drown Us and our Poſteritie in them, But We are ſure to have no enemies, but in the defence of the true Proteſtant Profeſſion, the Right of the eſtabliſhed Laws and for the preſervation of Peace: & certainelie all theſe muſt be all yours as well as our enemies.

And to the end that this preſent poſture wherein Wee meet, ſhould not affright you, with the diſtempers of the times, the example of the two Houſes having made Us prepare for a Guard to Us and our Childrens Perſons, we wiſh you to looke into the Compoſition and Conſtitution of it, and you will find it ſo farre from the face or feare of War, that it ſerves to ſecure you, as well as Us, from it, for our Choice is of the prime Gentry, and of one Regiment of our Trained Bands, which cannot bee thought to oppreſſe the Countrey (being their owne) nor Warre with themſelves. And wee further aſſure you, Wee never intended to uſe Forreigners or diſaffected in Religion: and that you may fully aſſure your Selves

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of Our ſole dependency upon the love and ſervice of Our owne people, to live and die with them, We have armed theſe Our Subjects, which had beene moſt irrationall, if wee had ever intended to have uſed Strangers. And further, you may perceive that Wee receive none, but ſuch as ſtand cleer in loyalty and Religion, for which reaſon we have cauſed the Oathes of Allegiance and Supremacie to bee given them. Likewiſe, to prevent any diſtempers at home: Wee have; and ſhall put the Trained Bands of all this our Kingdome under the command of Perſons of Honour, confidence, and affection to their Countrey, ſtraitly charging, upon their Allegiance, no Officer to accept any command in them, nor Soulaiers to obey any ſave ſuch as are authorized by Us. And for the prevention of any innovated power over you, you ſhall have Us here to governe you, and the ſouldiory to protect you in peace, and to relieve you againſt all opreſſions; for that, as wee have told you before; muſt ariſe from ſome great violation (which Wee hope God will prevent) and not from this preparation of our Subjects. Therefore let none of you be affrighted with vain feares; if ſuch a Warre ſhou'd follow, it follows the Authors home to their owne doores, and ſuch (by the confidence of Our Perſon with you) We aſſure Our Self you are not.

Here we had left you to your fidelitie and dutie, had not ſome malicious inſolence in Our former meetings ſent forth moſt preſumptuous Summons, deceiving our People, and preſuming upon our Royall Authoritie, and theſe preſent themſelves as great defenders of Religion, Peace, and Lybertie

whereas they become infections, and contagious to the people, seducing them into vaine fancies and deluſions, as may appear by their Warrants which We could trace to ſome Pulpits, as We are credibly informed: And you ſee it were juſt in Us, to puniſh theſe as Authors of ſedition, but that it would be too great a favour, for it would honour them with the Title of Martyrdome, for Gods cauſe, as they vainly pretend: But you may now ſee from whence this Spirit comes, that would make us to be in the Act of deſtruction of Religion, Our Perſon a diſturber of the Peace, and ready to introduce Slavery. Theſe here are all the forraigne Forces We have, or ever ſhall intend to have, to act theſe great deſignes, notwithhanding the vaine feares hitherto imagined. So that you ſee it is high time that theſe fancies were diſperſed and driven away, that We might be repaired in Honour and Interreſt, and you enjoy the bleſſing of Peace and Happineſſe, the advancement whereof ſhall be Our ſtudy and comfort: and therefore we ſhall (when you ſhall thinke it convenient time) eaſe you in the number of the Trained Bands: And for your Billet-Money, it had been long ſince paid, but that no patt of the Subſidies (which wee paſſed for that purpoſe) came to Our hands, and We ſhall not be wanting in any thing that lieth in us for the full ſatisfaction therof: And ſhall make our grace and Bounty to you anſwerable to your beſt fidelity and loyalty, as occaſion ſhall be offered to Us.

Die Sabbati 4°. Iunij, 1642.

IT is this day ordered by the Lords and Commons in Parliament, That the Deputy-Lievtenants of the ſeverall and reſpective Counties within the Kingdome of *England*, and Dominion of *Wales*, that are not Members of the Houſe of Commons, be hereby required and injoyned to be preſent at the dayes, and places which are, or ſhall hereafter be appointed by the Lord-Lievtenants, or their Deputies, for the Training, Muſtering, and Exerciſing of the Inhabitants of the ſaid Counties, according to the authority given unto them by an Ordinance of both Houſes of Parliament. And it is further ordered, that all Deputy-Lieutenants, aſwell thoſe that are Members of the houſe of Cõmons, as oth rs ſhall give ſuch diſpatch by preparing of warrants, Commiſſions, or Letters, and ſubſcribing of the ſame, as the ſervice ſhall require: And that ſuch as ſhal refuſe, or neglect ſo to doe, that their Names be certified unto us by their fellow-Deputies or any one of them that ſhall, or do perform the ſaid ſervice. And it is further declared, That it is the Intention of both Houſes, for the better encouragement of ſo good a worke, ſo much conducing to the ſafety of his Majeſties Perſon and Kingdoms, that ſome of their Members at the times and places appointed, or to be appointed for the execution of the ſaid Ordinance, ſhal be ſent downe to give their perſonall attendance upon the ſaid ſervice.

H. Elſing, Cler. Par. D. Com.

A Catalogue of the Names of the Dukes, Marqueſſes, Earles and Lords that have abſcented themſelves from the *Parliament*, and are now with his Majeſtie at *York*.

The Lord Keeper.
Duke of Richmond.
Marqueſſe of Hertford
Marqueſſe Hamilton.
Earle of Cumberland.
Earle of Bath.
Earle of Southampton.
Earle of Dorſet.
Earle of Salisbury.
Earle of Northampton.
Earle of Devonſhire.
Earle of Carlile.
Earle of Clare.
Earle of Weſtmerland.
Earle of Monmouth.
Earle of Lindſey.
Earle of Newcaſtle.
Earle of Dover.
Earle of Canarvan.
Earle of Newport.
Earle of Thanet.
Lord Moubray.
Lord Strange.
Lord Willoughby.
Lord Longavill.
Lord Rich.
Lord Andover.
Lord Faulkconbridge.
Lord Lovelace.
Lord Paulet.
Lord Newarke.
Lord Coventry.
Lard Savill.
Lord Dunſmore.
Lord Seymor.
Lord Capell.

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